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Mass Casualty Exercise at Crites Field

Waukesha, WIS. –Waukesha County's Emergency Management Office has organized a full -scale emergency exercise to simulate a multiple aircraft accident at Crites Field, on Saturday, October 26, from 7:30 –9:30 a.m.

The primary purpose of the exercise is to improve the operational readiness of the emergency management system and to provide a training tool for public safety agencies that clarifies roles and responsibilities, improves coordination efforts, reveals planning strengths and weaknesses, and identifies resource needs. The following will participate:

- Waukesha County Emergency Management Office
- Waukesha County Medical Examiner's Office
- Waukesha County Sheriff's Department
- City of Waukesha Fire Department
- City of Waukesha Police Department
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Civil Air Patrol
- Crites Field Control Tower
- American Red Cross
- Waukesha Flying Service

The exercise will help to foster cooperation among public and private sector entities while encouraging public recognition of the emergency management system.

The Emergency Management Office and other public safety agencies participate in a variety of disaster -related exercises that test procedures for responding to natural disasters, hazardous material incidents, mass casualty, and terrorism events.

Crites Field serves as a general aviation airport for southeastern Wisconsin. Its annual economic impact in Waukesha County exceeds \$50 million.

Crites Field is located at 2525 Aviation Drive, Waukesha. For more information about the emergency exercise, please call Waukesha County Emergency Management Coordinator Jim Maluega at (262) 548 -7580. For information pertaining to Crites Field, please call Airport Manager Keith Markano at (262) 521 -5250.

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